

Substantive Change Cover Sheet

1. Complete and submit a Substantive Change Cover Sheet with every substantive change submission.
2. Submit substantive changes as separate submissions except as permitted by policy.
3. Multiple changes in one submission, except as allowed by policy, will be returned.
4. An invoice will be issued, if required, when action is taken; no need to send payment until invoiced.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

INSTITUTION NAME (NO ABBREVIATIONS) University of South Carolina Columbia	MAIN CAMPUS CITY + STATE (OR NON-U.S. COUNTRY) Columbia, SC
IS THE INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR TITLE IV FEDERAL FUNDING? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No ▶ If "Yes" see policy for approval process requirements.	OFFICE USE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
2. Was the institution placed on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause on or after September 3, 2020, and subsequently removed from sanction?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Is the institution currently under provisional certification for participation in federal financial aid programs?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If ANY are "Yes" the institution is on SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION . Refer to the <i>Substantive Change Policy and Procedures</i> for differential requirements and conditions.		◀◀

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (ONLY USE DESCRIPTIONS DEFINED IN POLICY) Program Closure	SUBMISSION DATE 05/01/2021	IMPLEMENTATION DATE 08/01/2021
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION Closing an undergraduate program		

OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES /ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Site Name	Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Country
1.						
2.						
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PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS SUBMISSION

	Program Name (to include discipline)	Credential (Diploma, Bachelor of Arts, etc.)	Instructional Level (undergrad/grad)
1.	BS Geophysics	Bachelor of Science	Undergraduate
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5.			

SUBMITTED

I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

LIAISON or CEO NAME <i>Mr. Donald Miles</i>	EMAIL ADDRESS dmiles@mailbox.sc.edu	<i>Suggest electronically signing with Adobe Acrobat when complete and before submitting (optional).</i>
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Office of Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

May 21, 2021

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify the Commission on Colleges of the following program termination within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bachelor of Science in Geophysics

- Students will no longer be admitted starting Fall 2021.
- A Geophysics concentration has added to the B.S. in Geological Sciences program that some currently declared majors may choose to transfer into in lieu of graduating with a degree in Geophysics.
- Termination of the program has been communicated to and voted on by the faculty and students have been informed of the program termination.
- The faculty members who teach the specialized classes in the Geophysics program also teach essential classes outside of the Geophysics program and will teach the required courses for the Geophysics concentration of the B.S. in Geological Sciences program.
- All currently declared Geophysics majors will continue to be supported and we will continue to offer the necessary courses until they complete their degrees.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

William F. Tate IV
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

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C: Sabrina Andrews, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Assessment
Trena Houp, Interim Director of Academic Programs
Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation